

New safety officer joins District

Story and photo by Michelle Cain

Another member has been added to the HED family, with the arrival of Jeff Cochran, Chief, Safety and Occupational Health Office. The Arkansas native comes from a similar position with the Little Rock (Ark.) District.

"I'm enjoying the change in climate, the new faces, and the different food and cultures to broaden my spectrum," he said.

In his eight years with the Army Corps of Engineers, including assignments with the Rock Island (Ill.) and Tulsa (Okla.) Districts, Cochran has primarily dealt with large operations divisions where there was greater focus on locks and dams and reservoirs. HED offers him a more diverse assignment.

"It will be more construction-oriented, which I thoroughly enjoy," he said. "There is a greater demand for me and my office to be in the field overseeing contractor's work versus in-house administrative work."

Cochran says he likes to see personnel and projects grow and progress in a safe, efficient way without any incidents. "The best part of the job is assisting others to succeed in the area of safety so that all employees go home to their families each night with what they entered the workday with," he said.

A former teacher, Cochran holds a bachelor's degree in



Jeff Cochran, HED's new safety chief, performs a routine electrical safety check at a job site.

education from Henderson State University in Arkansas, and is a 2001 graduate of the Army Management Staff College.

He is the oldest of 12 siblings, and his hobbies include golf, racquetball, hunting and fishing. He enjoys doing volunteer work for his church and community, and coaching sports.

Sharing the Corps experience...

Sharon Ishikawa, CEPOH-PP-C, and Diane Lau, CEPOD-HR, share information with University of Hawaii engineering students about possible employment opportunities within the Pacific Ocean Division. The Division was invited to participate in UH's annual College of Engineering Career Day Oct. 5, along with dozens of other potential employers from both the federal government and the private sector. —Photo by Michelle Cain



There's not enough dust to cloud our love for freedom. —Fernando Zamora and Miguel Rivera, Columbia University students